

**RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and .67)  
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FOR UTILITY/DESIGN/CIP/PCT NATIONAL APPLICATIONS

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A method of estimating the pitch of a speech signal using a binary signal, use of the method, and a device adapted therefor

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the specification of which: (mark only one)

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was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above or as allowed as indicated above.

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PRIOR FOREIGN PATENTS

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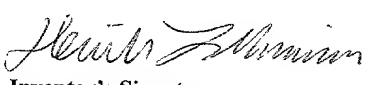
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